

SENATE RESOLUTION 168

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Thomas Wayne Fisher on the celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Wayne Fisher of McKenzie celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 28, 2006, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of his life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Weakley County, Mr. Fisher attained a bachelor of science degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1930; and

WHEREAS, a representative of our nation's greatest generation, Wayne Fisher served with honor and bravery as a member of the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he served as the principal of both Palmersville and Sharon high schools before being elected as the Weakley County Superintendent of Schools, in which position he initiated the first school busing system in the county; and

WHEREAS, following his term as Superintendent, Wayne Fisher continued his sterling career of public service by standing as the Mayor of the City of Dresden and as the Clerk and Master of Chancery Court; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated leader in his field, Mr. Fisher was appointed to the University of Tennessee's Board of Trustees in 1953, and served as Vice Chairman of the Board, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and a member of the Academic Affairs, Agriculture, and Student Affairs committees during his incredible twenty-eight years on the Board; and

WHEREAS, for his noble service, in 1994 the University of Tennessee at Martin fittingly conferred upon him the Chancellor's Award for University Service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher has been heavily involved in community affairs for many years and is a life member of Dresden Masonic Lodge, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion; he also stood as a Trustee for the Dresden Sunset Cemetery, was named as an Outstanding Citizen of Dresden, and served as the Grand Marshall of Dresden's annual Iris Festival Parade; and

WHEREAS, he is appreciative of his family, and is grateful for the love and support given him by his wife, Ivania, who served for many years as the Weakley County Election Registrar, and his devoted, loving, and outstanding daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Roy Tarwater; and

WHEREAS, Wayne and Ivania for decades have lived exemplary Christian lives and given fruitful witness to God as members of the First United Methodist Church of Dresden; and

WHEREAS, as he begins his eleventh decade, Wayne Fisher is still an active and productive member of society; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Thomas Wayne Fisher on the celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.